

North Gresham Neighborhood Association Bi-Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: June 7, 2010

Location: Hartley Elementary School
701 NE 185th Place

Time: 7:00-8:30pm (Run Time: 7:00-9:15pm)

Welcome and Introduction (Kati Arzeta and Kathy Schwabe)

*Kati and Kathy call the meeting to order (7:00pm) and welcome all attendees to the first meeting of the newly (re)activated North Gresham Neighborhood Association Spring meeting.

*Kati discusses her desire for more neighborhood involvement and organized this meeting as a way for all neighbors to gain the resources needed to make our neighborhood successful.

*Kati and Kathy discuss the agenda for the evening and ask that all attendees make sure to sign-in in order to receive updates from the association.

Guest Speaker (Craig Junginger, Police Chief, City of Gresham)

*Chief Junginger welcomes attendees and recognizes the turn-out.

* The Chief speaks of his career and what brought him to Gresham and the Gresham Police Department.

* The chief speaks of the current crime statistics in Gresham and recognizes room for improvement but also mentions that these numbers are a decrease from last year despite his reduced budget and resources.

*Chief Junginger emphasizes the need for private citizen involvement. Taking ownership for your neighborhood and attending meetings like these are steps in the right direction.

* The chief hands out business cards and explains the best ways for private citizens to contact the police department to report different types of crimes.

*Chief Junginger opens the floor for questions. Several citizens have issues with neighbors including; violence and graffiti, speeding on 192nd, "meth houses," and overgrown trees and shrubs on neighboring properties.

Guest Speaker (Kelle Landavazo, Neighborhood Watch, City of Gresham)

*Kelle takes the floor and introduces herself and explains what her position with the City of Gresham is. She explains what Neighborhood Watch is and how it differs from years past.

*Kelle asks that attendees look at the resource sheet she has provided and invites any interested parties to attend the next Neighborhood Watch Forum which is August 19, 2010.

*Kelle goes over the application process for becoming a block captain. She explains the background check involved and how to start your own Neighborhood Watch.

*Kelle recommends that if anyone is interested, they should contact her at kelle.landavazo@greshamoregon.gov.

Guest Speaker (Cathy Harrington, Community Resources Liaison, City of Gresham)

*Topic- “What does it mean to have an active neighborhood association?”

*After taking the floor, Cathy mentions that she is very excited by the large turnout that we have, especially for a first meeting. Hopes that we can keep the momentum up to really activate the neighborhood involvement.

*Cathy speaks at length about the resources available to an active neighborhood association. She encourages neighborhood-wide activities like; National Night Out, Fourth of July, Neighborhood Clean-Ups, and service projects.

*Cathy speaks about the personal involvement each member can take, regardless of office holding, and encourages everyone to simply, “get out and meet your neighbors.”

Elections:

*Group recognizes Cathy Harrington to facilitate elections. These elections are for offices that will be held from today until the meeting in the spring of 2011. Cathy speaks about the duties of each position and the requirements as far as the city is concerned.

*First office to fill is for the Neighborhood Association’s President. Kathy Schwabe nominates Kati Arzeta for President. Recognizes all the work she has done to make this meeting possible. At-large seconds the nomination. Votes are counted and Kati Arzeta is elected President

*Second office to fill is for the Neighborhood Association’s Vice-President. Kati Arzeta nominates Kathy Schwabe. At-large seconds the nomination. Votes are counted and Kathy Schwabe is elected Vice-President.

*Third office to fill is for the Neighborhood Association’s Secretary. Erynn Woods nominates herself. She states her qualifications for the position including, her experience with organizations and interest in websites. At-large seconds the nomination. Votes are counted and Erynn Woods is elected Secretary.

*The final office to fill is the Neighborhood Association’s Development/Land Use Chair. Elizabeth Harris nominates herself. Elizabeth states her interest in the topic. At-large seconds the nomination. Votes are counted and Elizabeth Harris is elected to the Development/Land Use Chair position.

Final Announcements:

*Next Neighborhood Association meeting is to be held sometime in the fall. The date, time, and location will be announced via post card and email.

*National Night Out is August 3, 2010 and the location and style of the event will be announced via email.

Meeting Adjourned (9:15pm)